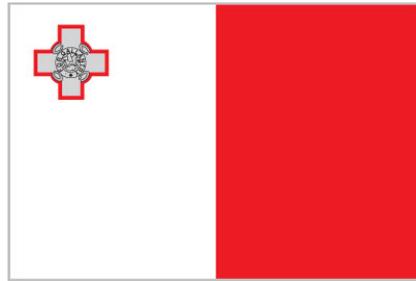




MALTA



GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President George VELLA

Head of Government

Prime Minister Robert ABELA

Government Type

parliamentary republic

Capital

Valletta

Legislature

unicameral House of Representatives or Il-Kamra Tad-Deputati, a component of the Parliament of Malta (normally 65 seats but can include at-large members)

Judiciary

Court of Appeal (consists of either 1 or 3 judges); Constitutional Court (consists of 3 judges); Court of Criminal Appeal (consists of either 1 or 3 judges)

Ambassador to US

Ambassador Keith AZZOPARDI

US Ambassador

Charge d'Affaires Mark A. SCHAPIRO

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 316 sq km

Land: 316 sq km

Water: 0 sq km

Climate

Mediterranean; mild, rainy winters; hot, dry summers

Natural Resources

limestone, salt, arable land

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

free market economy; smallest in euro-zone; relies heavily on trade in goods and services with Europe; dependent on foreign trade, manufacturing, and tourism

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$19.26 billion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$41,900 (2017 est.)

Exports

\$3.27 billion (2017 est.)

partners: Germany 17.3%, France 10.2%, Italy 9.4%, Singapore 5.9%, Hong Kong 5.8%, US 5.7%, Japan 4.9%, Libya 4.5% (2017)

Imports

\$4.99 billion (2017 est.)

partners: Italy 23%, Germany 7.9%, UK 7.7%, Spain 5%, Canada 4.5%, US 4.3%, France 4.2% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

457,270 (July 2020 est.)

Population Growth

0.87% (2020 est.)

Ethnicity

Maltese (descendants of ancient Carthaginians and Phoenicians with strong elements of Italian and other Mediterranean stock)

Language

Maltese (official) 90.1%, English (official) 6%, multilingual 3%, other 0.9% (2005 est.)

Religion

Roman Catholic (official) more than 90% (2006 est.)

Urbanization

urban population: 94.7% of total population (2020)

rate of urbanization: .38% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

Literacy

94.5% (2018)

